**ENG201 – Introduction to Literature I Avaluó Institucional Prof. Everson**

**In-class writing Assignment: Responding to Literature in a Short Essay**

In a short essay (3-4 paragraphs), provide a personal response to the story “The Ones Who Walk Away from Omelas” by Ursula Le Guin. In the Introductory paragraph, introduce the story by providing a plot summary, title and author. Then in your last sentence, write a thesis statement based on your answer to one of the questions below. In the body of your essay, provide specific evidence from the story to support your thesis. Include a minimum of three (3) details from the story. In the conclusion, restate your thesis and reflect in general on the story, such as its genre as science fiction.

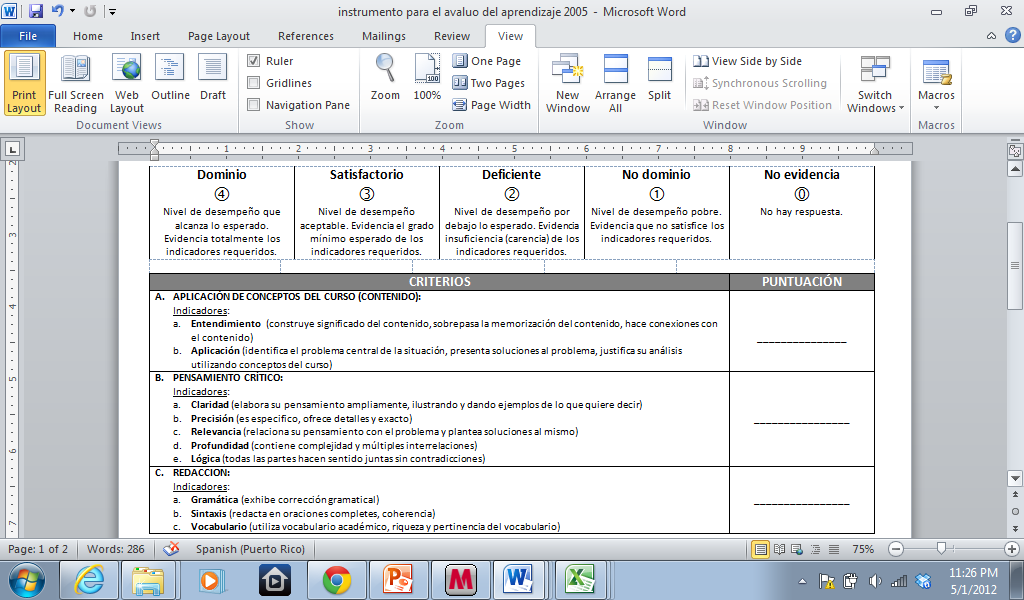
Questions: (select one (1) to answer in your essay):

1. What does the child symbolize in the story?
2. Are the “ones who walk away” heroes or villains of the story?
3. Are the ones who stay in Omelas (and accept the bargain) heroes or villains?
4. How is this story an allegory of our contemporary life?

Remember to:

* Use your best English grammar and spelling.
* Use formal conventions (capitals, periods, quotation marks, etc)
* Use literary terms from class that are appropriate to your discussion.
* Use any resources to help you write: dictionaries, translators, professor, classmates, etc.
* Write clearly and neatly, following essay format (introduction, body, conclusion).

Your short essay will be assessed for your performance at university level for the *Avaluó Institucional* using the following rubric.



After the essay is assessed, you will receive feedback on how to improve your writing and application of the content presented in this class. We will then discuss the results of the class evaluation.